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[Despatch Abstract.]

IOW MORE FOOD - NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME - 1948-49 - PROGRESS REPORT FOR
E MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1948 - BOARD'S REVIEW - RECORDED.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject:

GROW MORE Food - New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1948-49 - Progress Report for the month of September 1948 - Reviewed.

Station: Madras. Res.Rt.No. 7243. Dated 2-11-1948.

From

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Read:

REPORTS FROM THE COLLECTORS.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government its review on the working of the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1948-49 during the month of September 1948.

The reports were due to the Board on 10-10-1948. Only the Collector of Ramnad submitted his report in time. The Collector of Tanjore, South Arcot, Vizagapatnam, Nellore, Anantapur, Krishna and the Nilgiris have not yet submitted their reports. The figures furnished by them for August 1948 have therefore been adopted for the purpose of the Board's review. The Collector of Krishna has not submitted his report either for the month of August or for September 1948. The figures furnished by him for the month of July 1948 have therefore been adopted in the Board's reviews for August and September 1948. The report from the Collector of the Nilgiris is presumably 'Nil'. Even this 'Nil' report has not been sent till now. The Collector of Krishna is requested to submit the explanation of the persons responsible for failure to submit the reports for two consecutive months. The delay in the submission of the reports from the other Collectors ranged from 2 to 15 days.

The Board has several times impressed on the Collectors the need for the punctual submission of the monthly reports. This return is of vital importance for watching the progress made in the working of the Subsidy schemes on which the Government have spent large amounts and have appointed the required special staff for working them. The Board is unable to appreciate the reasons for the inordinate delay in the submission of the reports. As has already been observed so often, belated reports serve no useful purpose.

2. Even the reports submitted by the other Collectors have not been prepared carefully. A large number discrepancies between the figures furnished in the report for the last month and for the month under review have been noticed in spite of clear and repeated instructions issued already. The Board regrets to observe that no attention appears to be paid in the Collectors' offices for getting the discrepancies reconciled.

Discrepancies are observed even in figures relating to important columns. The Board issues the following general instructions for guidance in the preparation of the future reports as it has had occasion to observe that its remarks about the discrepancies in the statements submitted by Collectors have not produced the desired result, namely, the preparation of correct statements:-

3. Figures furnished in column 2(a) of the statement for the month under review should be equal to the totals of figures furnished in columns 2(a) + 3(a) of the previous month's statement. But this is not the case in respect of the reports from North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Bellary, Cuddapah and Guntur for September 1948.

Column 2(b) of the statement for the month under review should be equal to the totals of columns 5(b) and 6(b) of the previous month's statement. But the figures furnished by the Collectors of Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Bellary, Cuddapah and Guntur for September 1948 do not so agree.

The figures in column 5(d) of the previous month's statement should be shown in column 2(d) of the succeeding month's statement. This is not the case in respect of the report from Bellary.

The figures in column 4(a) of the statement should be euql to the total of columns 2(a) + 2(b) + 3(a) of the same statement. But this is not the case in respect of the reports from Chingleput, Chittoor, Tirunelveli, Salem, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, East Godavari, and Guntur.

Column 5(b) of the statement should be equal to the total of column 5(d) of the previous month's statement plus column 5(a) of the statement. The figures furnished by the Collector of Bellary do not tally. Columns 5(d) of the statement for the month under review should be equal to the total of columns 5(d) of the previous month's statement plus 5(c) of the statement under review. This is not the case in respect of the reports from Tirunelveli and Bellary for September 1948.

Column 6(b) of the statement under review should be equal to the total of column 6(b) of the previous month's statement and column 6(a) of the statement under review. But the figures furnished by the Collectors of Malabar, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, and Guntur in the statement for September 1948 are not correct.

Column 7(b) of the statement for the month under review must be equal to the total of columns 8(b) of the previous month's statement plus 7(a) of the statement under review.

The total of figures furnished in columns 7(b) plus 8 plus 9 plus 14 of the statement for the month under review should represented the figure in column 10(c) of the statement. But this is not the case in respect of the reports from many collectors.

The total number of wells for which subsidies were granted should be fully accounted for. The number of wells completed, the number in progress, the number not yet started and the number in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered or made if any, should be separately shown in the respective columns and their totals should be equal to the total number of wells for which subsidies were paid.

The number of wells furnished in column 10(c) of the statement for the month under review must be equal to the total number of wells in column 10(c) of the previous month's statement plus the number in column 10(a) of the present month's statement. This is not the case in respect of the reports from Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, and Bellary for September 1948.

If the instructions are carefully followed, there should be no room for any discrepancies, as the headings of the various columns speak for themselves. The Board trusts that the reports for the next month would be prepared correctly.

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reconciling the various discrepancies in the previous reports and explaining the variations wherever necessary.

4. The following table will show at a glance the number of applications received and disposed of and the progress made during and upto the month under review:-

	Number of applications received during the month. (a)	Number of applications for disposal during the month. (2)	Number of applications sanctioned and the amount involved. Applications In the month. 3(a)	Applications Upto the month. 3(b)	Amount In the month. 3(c)	Amount Upto the month. 3(d)	Number of applications rejected. In the month. 4(a)	Number of applications rejected. Upto the month. 4(b)
Wells	12,165	93,747	3,691	9,182	21,40,925	52,74,995	10,304	*39,185.
New Tanks	50	518	4	32	2,000	15,560	32	186
Old Tanks	62	635	5	54	3,000	27,990	28	163

	Number of wells for which subsidy was actually paid and the amount paid. WELLS In the month 5(a)	WELLS Upto the month. 5(b)	AMOUNT In the month. 5(c)	AMOUNT Upto the month. 5(d)	No. of wells completed. In the month. 6(a)	No. of wells completed. Upto the month. 6(b)	No. of wells in progress.	No. of wells not yet started.
Wells	3390	7,432	1950310	3680460	45	85	2429	4918
New Tanks	9	28	4440	13750			23	5
Old Tanks	8	53	4350	27560		--	43	10

The Board is not in a position to make any useful comments as it has adopted the figures for August 1948 in the present review in respect of seven districts. It would however point out that the number of cases rejected continues to be very large and that there is still delay in the payment of subsidies after sanction has been accorded. The number of wells completed is also very poor in view of the fact that more than five months have elapsed after the introduction of the scheme. The Collectors and Special Deputy Collectors are requested to instruct their subordinates to goad the guarantees to start the construction of wells and push through the works expeditiously.

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for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Govern ent, Revenue Department (with statement)
To the Collectors of all districts except Madras.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, with extract of the statments for the dists. of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract:

Grow More Food - New Well Subsidise Scheme - 1948-49 - Progress Report for the month of September 1948 - Board's Review - Recorded.

Revenue Department.

G.O.Ms.No.3061 Dated 22nd December 1948.
Read the following:-

From the Board of Revenue, BPP.Res.No.7243, dated 2811-1948.

ORDER:

Recorded.

2. The Government observe that the progress is very slow.

3. The Board of Revenue is informed that if the Collectors are not sending progress reports in time it should bring pressure to bear on them. Telegraphic reminders should be sent where necessary and the information collected without delay. The Board's review for each month should reach the by the 20th of th following month.

By Order of His Excellency the Governor

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Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, Madras.

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